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The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554 **RECEIVED & INSPECTED**

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Paul F & Cheryl J Fischer

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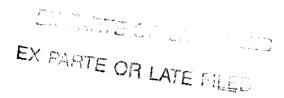
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I am writing this letter to request you not relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect all American citizens from media monopolies.

The proposed changes would allow giant media conglomerates to gain near total control over radio and television contents and would provide a great disserves to all Americans across our country. Many of these corporations are now lobbying the FCC to relax the current ownership rules. These same corporations also have past track records in trying to keep opposing view points off the air ways.

All Americans deserve to hear all points of view on important issues, and make informed decisions on their own, and not be swayed by media bias. I urge you for the sake of democracy and the 1st amendment to continue the broadcast ownership protections that helped to ensure healthy political debates in our great country.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Ball

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Commissioner Michael Copps FCC 445 12th St, SW Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Please Do Not Relax Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Commissioner Copps:

We are writing to ask that you not relax broadcast ownership rules.

The proposed new rules would permit a few large corporations to exert much greater control on the media, and thus would reduce airing of divergent political views. Allowing a few corporations to control the media would abridge political speech in America, and therefore would not be in America's best interest.

Sincerely,

Carl and Barbara Johnson

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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Martin,

I am quite concerned over the proposed change in broadcast ownership rules. I hope you will vote **against** these rule changes that currently protect us from media monopolies.

The national media conglomerates have not proven to be very tolerant of viewpoint diversity. I fail to understand how media control by a handful of conglomerates is good for anyone but them.

I hope that you will continue to support the broadcast ownership rules that have protected us for decades.

Thank you for your representation and consideration of my views.

Best regards,

Bill Rowell

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Dear Mr. Copps,

In our United States, we have always honored laws that protect us from monopolies. I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect us from <u>media</u> monopolies!

Totalitarian governments have, without exception, used the media to propagandize and control their citizens. Freedom of the media has made it possible for United States citizens to be exposed to all views on any subject. Allowing monopolization of the media presents the distinct possibility that we could be denied that privilege.

Obviously there are many powerful groups that would love to see a media that they could manipulate to present only their views and prevent views unfavorable to them from reaching the public.

Relaxing the broadcast ownership rules would seriously infringe on the First Amendment to the United States Constitution guaranteeing freedom of the press.

For the United States to remain the free country that it is, the media must be able to present the views of all citizens, not just the biased views of the rich and powerful!

Very Respectfully,

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Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules.

Dear Mr Powell,

It has come to my attention that you and the commission will be considering changes in the rules that <u>prohibit monopoly ownership</u> of media sources.

It is quite obvious to me, and should be to your commission, that the networks -- and the executives who control them—are trying to convince the commission to relax its ownership rules so that they will be able to vastly expand their control over what we watch and read.

I urge you and your commission NOT TO RELAX the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. It is very important to hear and read all points of view on all subjects, not just one.

Sincerely,

Bob McDermott

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The arrivarys belong to all the people, and should represent all of their views, not simply what great corporations or controlling networks want us to see or hear. Your offices are charged with the responsibility to protect open and diverse ceretait and access to the media.

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Please stop the changing of the six FCC rules (shown below), which empower the FCC to allow companies to own more media outlets/types of media outlets – e.g., allow TV station owners to own radio stations. This will allow further monopolization of media outlets and result in the reduction of the number of points of view expressed through these outlets. Please support the extension of the decision on these six FCC rules for a year. The preservation of these six rules is important for free speech and our democracy.

- **Broadcast-Newspaper Cross-Ownership Prohibition (1975)** Bans ownership of both a newspaper and a television station in the same market.
- National Television Ownership Rule (1941) A broadcaster cannot own television stations that reach more than 35% of the nation's homes.
- Dual Network Rule (1946) No entity can own more than one major television network.
- Local Television Ownership Rule (1964) A broadcaster can't own more than one of the top four stations in a single market.
- Local Radio Ownership Rule (1941) Limits the number of radio stations any one entity
 can own in a single market.
- Television-Radio Cross-Ownership Rule (1970) Limits the number of TV and radio stations a single entity can own in any given market.

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Dear Mr. Copps:

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I urge you to vote against changing the broadcast ownership protections that have enabled diverse political viewpoints to be presented to the American people.

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William Powell, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

SUBJECT: 02-277 Media Ownership

Dear Mr. Powell,

I understand that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is currently reviewing the rules for media ownership and may decide to relax or eliminate the rules this year. If the federal government weakens the rules for media ownership, a few, powerful media companies could gain greater influence over the news.

Americans depend on mass media -- such as television, newspapers, and radio -- to learn about the news, understand issues, and make informed political choices. I was honestly amazed at the disparity between what news was provided on the war through the main American news sources [ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN and FOX, as well as, major newspapers] versus the information available from independent and/or international news sources. This scared me.

If the FCC relaxes the rules for media ownership, one company in a community would be able to own the local newspaper, several TV and radio stations, and the cable TV system. There would be fewer owners of networks, stations, and newspapers nationwide. The public's ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints would be compromised. It would also likely result in higher costs for businesses that advertise in local media, and those costs would inevitably be passed onto consumers.

Media ownership rules are essential to a healthy democracy. They help make sure that the public receive a broad range of contrasting perspectives from the media, not just the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The rules protect Americans' First Amendment rights to a diverse marketplace of ideas. The stakes for consumers, citizens, and the nation are enormous.

If anything the weakening of the rules that occurred in the 1990's should be reversed, and not weakened further.

Sincerely,

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Dear Madam:

For years a certian organization, mostly out of Hollywood and on N. B. C.; A. B. C.; CNN; C. B. S. and large newspapers are attempting to take firearms away fron the U. S. citizen who have never violated any laws. And they are going by devious methods to accomplish their goal.

I feel they are seeking a <u>new regime</u> to take over the country. These people manipulate the news to suit their objectives. It is a divide and conquer the American voter. They are socialist or Communist attempting to change our form of government. In debates, they always try to silencing the opposing voice.

Please don't let these people silence our voice.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Powell:

Our planet has been profoundly altered by its inhabitants.

The inhabitants of Earth today are now consuming more resources than <u>everyone</u> who has lived before them. We are rapidly depleting non-renewable resources such as fresh air, clean water, and the protection of our ozone layer. Our landfills are filling up, the climate is changing, the world population is growing and humans are continuing to consume at astonishing, unprecedented rates. Over long periods of time, expansion of these individual problems could pose serious threats to planet's life support systems [2].

The reality is that it is time to educate people and encourage understanding of the threats and options facing our planet today. This is the first and most important step toward paving the way for a sustainable future.

The average American watches at least 4 hours of television every day (TV turnoff.com). The average American child will see over 20,000 television commercials a year. It is undisputed that television is the most effective and influential tool in advertising and entertainment. Television also holds the greatest and yet generally untapped potential to educate, influence, and change [1].

If at the age of 2 a child has the potential to develop brand loyalty why not also instill an understanding of environmental ethics? A serious attempt at environmental awareness advertising includes efforts to help people be aware of the world around them, to interpret the consequences of their actions, and raise their expectations for lawmakers and city officials [2]. Blind obedience to consumer culture will fail to produce both upstanding world citizens and good consumers.

I propose a series of specifically targeted, simple, low cost, and positively directed campaigns and programs that will illustrate the importance of the most simple conservation strategies. Developing programs with reachable behavior change goals in the arenas of energy and water conservation, as well as sustainable living practices, will undoubtedly contribute to the development, integrated understanding of, and promotion of the transition toward home and community sustainability [1][2].

Encouraging people to care for the planet while simultaneously lowering their water and electric bills has a universally favorable outcome. Another influential course of action would be to offer subsidies to television networks and broadcasting companies who support and air positively directed campaigns during prime time hours.

The speed and quantity at which we are permanently altering our planet is astounding. The planet Earth is capable of sustaining, adapting to, and supporting life. So far, Earth is the only planet in our solar system with such capabilities. Continuing at this rate, Earth has no chance of adapting to, or keeping up with our level of waste,

contamination, and destruction. People need to know that they have the ability to alter that path and make decisions that will have positive impacts both locally and globally. Please take this into consideration during your time with the Federal Communication Commission by standing behind actions that will support our responsibility to the planet.

Thank you very much for your time and attention. Sincerely,

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^[1] Winett, Richard. <u>Information and Behavior: Systems of Influence</u>. New Jersey: Lawrence Erbaum Associates, 1986.

^[2] Board on Sustainable Development: National Research Council, policy division. <u>Our Common Journey: A Transition Toward Sustainability</u>. Washington: National Academy Press, 1999.

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